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Dear Sir:

This is a submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 for a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003 ("Office Action"). The Office Action set a shortened period for reply of three months from the date of the Office Action that makes the present response due on or before January 15, 2004. This amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified Application as set forth below. The Application as amended is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.